

# SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DOWNLOADING A VIRUS-FREE FILE CERTIFICATE FROM A FILE SERVER

## *Abstract*

The present invention relates to computer viruses and more particularly to a method and system for requesting a virus-free certificate associated with a file of a file server and downloading this virus-free file certificate or a file including this virus-free file certificate from the file server. The method, for use in a client system (100), comprises the steps of :

- sending (401) a request to a file server for a virus-free certificate associated with a file to download from the file server, the request comprising one or a plurality of requirements (301...307) for the virus-free certificate;
- downloading (403) the file and the associated virus-free certificate, the virus-free certificate comprising a file signature (207) for certifying that the file is declared virus-free by a virus-free certificate authority (102).

The method, for use in a file server (101), comprises the steps of :

- receiving (401) a request from a client system for a virus-free certificate associated with a file to download to the client system, the request comprising one or a plurality of requirements (301...307) for the virus-free certificate;
- downloading (403) the file and the associated virus-free certificate, the virus-free certificate comprising a file signature (207) for certifying that the file is declared virus-free by a virus-free certificate authority (102).